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SUBJECT: SHRIMP FISHING AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 247134 (NOTAL)

1. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF NOTE DELIVERED TO FONOFF FOLLOW
BEGIN TEXT

EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO HAVE THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS PASS THE LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL
CONCERNING SHRIMP. THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROVED THE MEASURE LAST WEEK. THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
OF THE US SENATE HAS THE MEASURE UNDER CONSIDERATION.
IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED TO BE PASSED THIS
COMING WEEK OR EARLY IN THE NEXT CONGRESSIONAL SESSION
WHICH BEGINS IN JANUARY. THE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZES AN
APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 TO THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF
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BRAZIL. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL ENDEAVOR

TO EFFECT THIS PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER
THE BILL IS SIGNED.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES IT
WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BRAZIL AND THE UNITED
STATES TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING SHRIMP PRIOR
TO ITS EXPIRATION FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.
THIS WOULD PROVIDE TIME TO SEEK MORE PERMANENT ARRANGE-
MENTS. THE AGREEMENT COULD BE EXTENDED BY AN EXCHANGE
OF NOTES. END TEXT.

2. ECON COUNSELOR EXPLAINED ORALLY THAT CONGRESS ORDINARILY
HAS TO APPROVE SEPARATE MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND
THAT THE US WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE THIS MEASURE
PASSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IN REPLY CARVALHO(FONOFF) EMPHASIZED
THAT PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION TO THE SHRIMP
AGREEMENT WITHIN THE GOB, IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE US TO
TRANSFER THE FUNDS AS QUICKLY AS IT COULD BE DONE; THE
NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO
NEGOTIATE ON THE SHRIMP AGREEMENT IF THE REQUIRED FUNDS HAD
NOT YET BEEN GIVEN TO BRAZIL.

3. ECON COUNSELOR NOTED THAT WE WERE STILL ANXIOUS TO
EFFECT EXCHANGE OF NOTES EXTENDING AGREEMENT BEFORE END
OF YEAR. CARVALHO STATED HE HAD THIS IN MIND. AS HAD BEEN
SUGGESTED BY US FOR PURPOSE OF EXPEDITING PROCESSING, HE
HAD PREPARED A DRAFT AND WAS SEEKING APPROVAL FROM HIS
SUPERIORS. HE PROMISED TO NOTIFY US AS SOON AS THIS APPROVAL
WAS SECURED. IN THEIR NOTE TO US CARVALHO STATED
THAT HE WISHED TO AVOID REFERENCE TO OUR NOTE IN PARA 1
ABOVE. GOB PLANNED TO RELEASE CORRESPONDENCE ON EXTENSION
TO PRESS BUT WOULD PREFER NOT TO INCLUDE OUR NOTE TO TRY
TO AVOID PUBLICITY ON ISSUE OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS. ECON
COUNSELOR AGREED THIS WAS DESIRABLE.

4. CARVALHO STATED THAT WHEN HE WAS IN WASHINGTON IN
NOVEMBER HE HAD ONCE AGAIN REQUESTED THAT LOGS REQUIRED
BY SHRIMP AGREEMENT BE FORWARDED TO GOB BUT THAT NO
ADDITIONAL LOGS HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED. EMBASSY REQUESTS
THAT TRANSMISSION BE EXPEDITED.

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